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In re application of: Stephen M. Brinkman

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For: FISH CATCHING SYSTEM

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Sir:

Applicant presents this response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2002. A request for a one-month extension of time is enclosed herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 30 as follows:

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30. (amended) A fish catching system, comprising:
a lure comprising a body and a tail; and
a sleeve coupled with the tail of the lure, wherein the sleeve receives a fishing line therethrough that attaches to an eyelet of a hook secured to the body of the lure.

Please add the following new claims:

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39. The fish catching system according to claim 30, wherein pulling the fishing line moves the tail underneath the body and releasing the fishing line returns the tail away from underneath the body.

40. A method of fishing, comprising:
providing a fishing lure comprising a body and a tail;
passing a sleeve through the tail;
passing a fishing line through the sleeve;